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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed responsive to the Office action mailed on June 26, 2003, the shortened statutory period for response to which is extended to expire on November 26, 2003, by simultaneously filed petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows.